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1. The Soviet Zone coke (Steinkohlenkoks) production has been as follows:

1949 plan 230,000 tons *
1949 actual production figure 240,700 tons
1949 percentage of full-
fillment 104 percent

1950 plan 240,000 tons.

2. Production figures in tons are as follows for the first quarter of 1950. Production figures for the first quarter of 1949 are given for comparison.

	Scheduled production	Actual production	Percentage of fullfillment
1950	59,200	62,257	105.2
1949	55,600	59,300	106.8

3. The two coke batteries in Zwickau (N5/K 34), the August Bebel Mine, and the Karl Marx Plant in Zwickau-Pöchlau, are antiquated installations. The SCC Karlshorst is no longer interested in making substantial investments in these, since extensive tests have proved the Zwickau-Oelsnitz coke to be unsuitable for the production of the foundry coke which is urgently needed and which has had to be imported. After four years of negotiations, funds have been approved to obtain materials to repair the badly damaged batteries. The funds have to be invested to maintain the former capacity and to prevent greater deterioration of the batteries.

* Comment. This figure for the 1949 Soviet Zone coke production corresponds with the 1949 production plan previously reported. The actual production was 4 percent above the goal. However, this domestic production is insignificant compared with the Soviet Zone coke requirements. In 1947 the Soviet Zone had to import 2,300,000 tons from the Ruhr district and 1,400,000 tons from Upper Silesia. The Soviet Zone supply of coke will remain a critical bottleneck, because the Soviet Zone has at its disposal only the slight coal deposits in the Zwickau-Oelsnitz district. Even the coal deposits found in the Obohrung-Kirchhain district and scheduled to be mined in 1951 cannot overcome this bottleneck.

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** [] Comment. The August Bebel Plant, which was formerly called Bstow, has the plant number 21/365/1001 and the Karl Marx Plant, which was the Morgenstern Mine, is plant No 21/365/1002. Both plants are assigned to the VVB (Z) Coal Administration in Zwickau. In addition to coal and blast-furnace coke, they produce refined benzol and homologous products as well as ammonia sulphate.

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